



# THE HONKER

## Columbine Lakes Community News

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### Columbine Lakes Community Phone Directory

We try to print a telephone directory every couple of years. I've been putting a form in the newsletter since December of 2009 for owners to fill out if they want to be included. We have many new families living here now and I don't know if they are even aware that we have our own directory. I learned that several long time residents had overlooked the form, so I started calling people that had been in previous directories to let them know that this will be the last time I will print the form in the newsletter and we'll either get enough people to make printing it worthwhile, or I'll abandon the project. If you want to be included, please fill out the form below and mail or drop it off at the clubhouse. You must fill out the form to be included.

— Rosanne Beers, Clubhouse Manager

### If You Want to Be In The Directory, You Must Fill Out The Form Below:

If you are an owner and would like to be listed in the next Directory, please fill out this form and mail it to the clubhouse at:

*Columbine Lakes Clubhouse*

*4192 W. Pondview Dr., Littleton, CO 80123*

Or drop it off at the office during office hours. If you do not fill out this form and return it, your name will be omitted from the Directory.

I, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, give you my permission to list my contact information in the 2010 Columbine Lakes Townhome Directory as follows:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### From The Board:

### A Big Thank You To The Morrell's

Our longtime chairs of the social committee have decided to retire from the volunteer position. **Paul and Caryl** have dedicated countless hours over the years creating and hosting special events in our community including the 4th of July parties, Saint Patty's Day parties, Octoberfest, Bingo nights, and many, many other gatherings. The board would like to thank and applaud Paul and Caryl for all the time and efforts they have committed to the social committee, you are both very special people to this community.

We are calling for volunteers for the Budget Committee, which will hold one or more meetings in the month of September (at a time suitable to those who are able to participate). Our management company prepares a new budget with a report on every line item, so that we can arrive at an operating budget for the following year. This is an ideal time for you to be involved and we hope you will be able to find time. After Board approval, the budget is circulated to all home owners. The budget forms the basis on which the next year's homeowners dues are determined, so this is a very important process. Please volunteer, if you have an hour or two.

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### From the Maintenance Board

The Maintenance Board's purpose is to oversee the roads (ours are private), water, and sewer for the private residences (referred to as the R-2) and the multi-family units referred to as the Townhomes. All billings to the R-2 are individually formulated based on actual usage and the town homes are the balance included in the association dues. Management includes monthly contribution to reserves for the asphalt repairs, monitoring sewage, and water charges.

To help in our water usage, the board has authorized rebates of \$50.00 for each low flush toilet and washing machine that qualify per Denver Water requirements to both R-2 residences and Townhomes. After obtaining your Denver Water rebate, submit a copy of the check to Westwind Management and you will be compensated for your efforts. Townhomes also qualify for the HOA Rebate (that is 3 rebates).

Your Board Members are **Patricia York** (R-2 representative), **Bonnie Douglas**, and myself. I so appreciate Patricia and Bonnie for contributing their time and talents.

— Vicky Haddock

### August Calendar

Activity	Date	Time(s)
Ladies Bridge	1st Tuesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Pinochle	2nd Tuesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bridge	4th Tuesday	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bridge	Last Wednesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Aerobic Swim Group	Tue-Sat	8 a.m. – 9 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
<b>Office Hours</b>		
Mon. closed • Tues. - Fri.: 1 - 5 p.m.		

**Next HOA Meeting**  
August 18th • 7 p.m.

**Next Maintenance  
Board Meeting**  
August 9th • 1 p.m.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

**From The Board**, *continued from front page*

Between July 23rd and 30th, Swingle is scheduled to remove four trees on the school's property and will be trimming the bottoms of the remaining pine trees to open this area up to allow more sunlight through the winter months. It is anticipated that this will help prevent ice buildup on W. Ponds Circle between driveways B and C.

The Board has requested a proposal from Terrance to install a drain swale in the lawn area between the driveways and from the carports to enhance the flow of water along the south side of the property.

Please remember that pets must be on leashes (please note this does not just mean dogs; cats must be on leashes as well) and owners are required to clean up after their pets.

**Hey Clubhouse Users**

We have a wonderful facility, yet fragile. Let's face it; it's an oldie, but goody. There are many little dings occurring. The nature of these could be attributed to curious children, who we love to see enjoying our facility. We lost a starfish from the ladies mirror in the fitting room. Decorative stones are disappearing from the ladies restrooms. Floating tubes get destroyed. There is a lot of concern about HOA fees increasing, so, I am challenging parents and other users to buy a float tube when they go on sale (can you say \$1.00). If your child breaks something, replace or repair it. Volunteer to sweep the deck of the pool while watching your kids, you will find discarded gum wades and hair bunches when you do this (paper towels work great to pick these items up – free from the restrooms, brooms are in the coat closet). Better yet, get swimmers to use the trash can in the pool area and those beautiful long haired mermaids to use an elastic band to eliminate hair loss in the pool area. We only have a weekly cleaning; (none in the pool area) so swim diapers and trash can be discarded in a main trash found in the pool table room. We invite everyone to enjoy and PARTICIPATE in our clubhouse.

**Attention Parents and Grandparents of Young Children**

Residents are concerned about unsupervised children getting hurt. Some of the things that have been observed are bikes being ridden in guest parking lots and in the street; using a ramp to jump bikes; playing in unattended cars and trucks; and playing close to the pond with no adults in view. Please supervise your children when they are out playing. They are far too precious to lose and young children often don't use good judgment and they are often hard for drivers to see.

**National Water Quality Month**

Drinking plenty of water is essential to your health, especially on hot summer days. Water plays a vital role in our body's well-being, and maintaining the cleanliness and quality of our drinking water is an ongoing concern. For more information on water quality, go to the Water Quality Information Center website.

**2010 Board of Directors****Laura Dougherty, President**

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303-798-2504  
wa\_dodd@yahoo.com

**COMMITTEES****Architectural Control Committee**

Bob Haas, Dorothy Evans, and Janie Hubka

**Landscape Committee**

Fred Garland, 303-794-5866, fgarland31@msn.com,  
Rosalind Ogden, Doris Knapp, Bill Krempasky, Rene Valero

**Young Families Committee**

Katie Tice, 303-730-5740, Katie@petsfly.com,  
Dave Robinson

**RTD Senior Ride Committee**

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**Security Committee**

Cathy Southern, Sandy Eggleston, Ken Shelton

**Repair & Maintenance Committee**

Dave Gusky, Chairman

**MAINTENANCE BOARD**

Vicky Haddock, Pat York

**CLUBHOUSE**

4192 W. Pondview Dr., Littleton, CO 80123, 303-795-8222  
email: manager@columbinelakes.com

**WESTWIND MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.**

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For Work Orders call 303-283-0061

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The deadline for articles and advertisements is the 23rd of the month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 15th. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.** To submit an article, e-mail an attachment to manager@columbinelakes.com. All letters or articles need to include your name and daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the Board for publication, or as space permits.

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**National Safe at Home Week, August 23-27**

More people are injured in and around home than at the workplace, and studies have also shown that the costs to both employees and employers from home injuries are higher than work-related injury costs. *Sponsored by Safe At Home, [www.safeathomeonline.com](http://www.safeathomeonline.com), a safety professional and emergency response provider to protect families and their quality of lives by preventing injuries at home.*

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**On the Wildside 8-10  
The Magpie of the East**

Blue Jays are becoming more common here in the metro Denver area. Some years ago it was uncommon to see them west of the plains, but they are now visiting our city regularly. These beautiful birds are to the east what magpies are to the west, ubiquitous, boisterous and darn smart!

Blue Jays bear a striking resemblance to their close cousin, the Steller's Jay. They both have a crest and are similar in size but the Blue Jay's "blue" is a lot lighter than the Steller's and their breast is a light gray. They also have a black collar that extends all the way around their neck.

You'll often hear them before you see them and then it becomes a matter of figuring who the heck is making those calls! They are expert mimics and can sound like a variety of birds from chickadees to red tailed hawks (they use that as an alarm call.) Their common calls are often described as "squeaky gates".

They are omnivores: eating seeds, nuts, insects and even, at times, other birds' nestlings. Blue jays are in the corvid family with crows, magpies, etc., and they bring the smarts of that extended family with them. Although it can be impossible for us to know what they're thinking, we should never underestimate what's going on in their so called "bird brains".

Please call with any questions or unusual sightings. You can contact me through the clubhouse or look up my name in the Columbine directory.

— Deb Carstensen

**Prosperity Group**

There are still a few openings in the prosperity group. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, August 4 from 7-9 p.m. If you think you might be interested, please call me at 303-947-1139. Learn techniques to manifest the things you want that have been beyond your grasp until now. We'll support and champion each other as we learn how to eliminate limiting beliefs, and new ways of thinking and being.

— Rosanne Beers

**South Suburban Packs Your  
Punch Cards in September**

Tighten your tummy this fall with South Suburban Parks and Recreation's September punch card special for daily admission. In September, visit any of the three South Suburban recreation centers, Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave. in Littleton; Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd. in Centennial; or Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., and receive extra punches when purchasing a punch card for daily admission. Individuals purchasing a 15-punch card will receive two extra punches and those obtaining a 30-punch card will receive five extra punches. Punch cards include access to all facility amenities at all three recreation centers including state-of-the-art fitness equipment, leisure pool area, gymnasium and running track. Cardholders also have access to over 100 different drop-in fitness classes scheduled at a variety of convenient times. So don't settle for flabby abs, come to a South Suburban recreation center in September and receive some extra free fitness time. For additional facility amenity information and fitness class schedules, visit South Suburban at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).



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## South Suburban Parks & Recreation Board Seeks Public Input on 2011 Budget

South Suburban Parks and Recreation continues the annual planning process for its 2011 budget. Individuals are invited to attend the Wednesday, August 11 Board meeting and address the Board of Directors with comments regarding fees, requests for new programs or facilities, or improvements to existing facilities, parks, trails and open spaces. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd. in Centennial.

Citizens will have an additional opportunity to address the Board with 2011 budget comments on Wednesday, September 8 and Wednesday, October 13 when staff recommended program and facility fees will be the subject of the Board meeting. If citizens are unable to attend, comments can be sent to:

*Executive Director, South Suburban Parks and Recreation  
6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial, CO 80121  
Fax: (303) 798-3030  
E-mail: donnas@sspr.org.*

*Please label your request: 2011 South Suburban Budget.*

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## South Suburban Recognized for Excellence

South Suburban Park and Recreation District has been recognized by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) as being one of the top four recreation agencies in the United States.

Annually, AAPRA and NRPA host a Gold Medal Award competition to honor communities that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Each agency is judged on its ability to address the needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

As one of four national finalists for agencies serving 100,001 to 250,000 residents, South Suburban is competing for the highest honor, the prestigious Grand Gold Medal Award. South Suburban is a prior three-time Grand Gold Medal Award winner and has earned recognition as a Gold Medal finalist eight other times.

This year's finalists are competing for Grand Gold Medal Award honors this summer, and all recipients will be announced live during NRPA's Annual Congress & Exposition in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 25 - 29, 2010.

*"I finally realized that being grateful to my body  
was key to giving more love to myself."*

— Oprah Winfrey

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